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SUBJECT: GRESHAM INFOMAG LTD.

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1) EMBOFF VISITED GRESHAM INFOMAG AGAIN ON AUGUST 21. HOLDEN AND OTHER COMPANY OFFICERS REMAIN COOPERATIVE, BUT STATE THAT IT IS VERY UNLIKELY ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION CAN BE PRODUCED FROM THEIR RECORDS TO SHOW CONTINUOUS FLOW OF UNLICENSED SHIPMENTS FROM US TO BULGARIA. ATTEMPT WAS MADE IN RECORDS ALREADY SUPPLIED TO COMMERCE TO RECONCILE INFOMAG INVOICES (WHICH ARE

AVAILABLE TO HOLDEN) WITH THOSE ISSUED BY GRESHAM INFOMAG. EVEN THOUGH DISC HEADS, FOR EXAMPLE, ARE SERIALY NUMBERED, THESE ITEMS ARE NOT INDIVIDUALLY IDENTIFIED IN COMPANY RECORDS OR IN INVOICING PROCEDURE. MORE BASICALLY, HOWEVER, AND DISREGARDING ANY DIFFICULTIES ARISING FROM BOOKKEEPING DISCREPANCIES HOLDEN EXPLAINED THAT GRESHAM INFOMAG WAS NOT ACTING AS TRANSHIPMENT AGENT FOR INFOMAG DURING PERIOD UNDER QUESTION; RATHER, GRESHAM INFOMAG, FOLLOWING NORMAL COMMERCIAL PRACTICES, WAS IMPORTING INTO COMPANY STOCKS AND THEN
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EXPORTING ITEMS THROUGH ITS OWN INVOICING SYSTEM TO

VARIOUS CUSTOMERS, INCLUDING ISOTIMPEX. THUS IT IS VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE, ACCORDING TO HOLDEN, UNEQUIVOCALLY TO DOCUMENT SHIPMENTS TO EASTERN EUROPE FROM INFOMAG USING GRESHAM INFOMAG RECORDS DESPITE THE UNDENIED FACT THAT SUCH SHIPMENTS AND DELIVERIES WERE MADE.

2) NONETHELESS, HOLDEN HAS PROMISED TO TAKE ANOTHER TACK BY ATTEMPTING TO TRACE PAYMENTS RELATING TO CERTAIN IN-VOICES RECEIVED FROM ISOTIMPEX AND REMITTED TO INFOMAG

AS A MEANS TO INDICATE THE CHANNEL OF MOVEMENT, IN REVERSE, OF GOODS FROM CALIFORNIA TO BULGARIA. IF THIS APPROACH PROVES FEASIBLE, DOCUMENTATION WILL BE PROVIDED BY END OF AUGUST ALONG WITH PROMISED STATEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE (LONDON 10325). EMBASSY HAS NOT YET HEARD DIRECTLY FROM JOHN COLLEY, WHO IS ON ANNUAL VACATION, BUT UNDERSTAND HE HAS PREPARED A STATEMENT ON HIS ROLE IN HAND-CARRIED DELIVERIES WHILE WITH GRESHAM INFOMAG.

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